

Please, under NO circumstances make using a cell-phone on-board an airplane permissable, except during an emergency.

Many, many people--in fact, literally everybody I have talked to about this--is adamantly against this.

People are disturbed and feel violated when somebody in a store, bank or doctor's office start talking in a loud "telephone" voice around them.

I have a cell phone, but I turn it off when in a public, enclosed space.

I was recently in a supermarket where the woman ahead of me placed a phone call, just before her purchases were rung up.

"Hi, how are you?

Oh, nothing, what are you up to?"

She then was incabable of running her credit card through the machine and pressing the right buttons.

The store cashier finally had to do it for her, while she continued on the phone.

I fly often, sometimes to Hong Kong, Malaysia, the Philipppines, 15 to 18 hours at a time.

There is no way I want to hear somebody whose elbows are blocking mine on a seat rest getting or making phone calls.

"HI!

OH, NOTHIN', 'SUP WITH YOU?!!?"

I would prefer calm, reading and sleeping during long flights.

Frankly, the smells from the heads on a long distance flight are intrusive enough....

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